

**ENGROSSED**

Regular Session, 2009

SENATE BILL NO. 67

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Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

ELECTED OFFICIALS. Constitutional amendment to provide that any statutory increase in the salary of certain elected officials may not become effective until a subsequent term of office or a later date. (2/3-CA13s1(A))

A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to amend Article IV, Section 4 and to add Article III, Section 4(G), Article IV, Section 21(F) of the Constitution of Louisiana, relative to state elected officials; to provide for the implementation of any salary increase enacted by law for certain state elected officials; and to specify an election for submission of the proposition to electors and provide a ballot proposition.

Section 1. Be it resolved by the Legislature of Louisiana, two-thirds of the members elected to each house concurring, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the state, for their approval or rejection in the manner provided by law, a proposal to amend Article IV, Section 4 and to add Article III, Section 4(G), Article IV, Section 21(F) of the Constitution of Louisiana, to read as follows:

ARTICLE III. LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

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§4. Qualifications; Residence and Domicile Requirements; Term; Election  
Limitations; Vacancies; Temporary Successors; **Compensation**

Section 4. \* \* \*

**(G) Any increase in salary of any member provided by law shall not**

1           **become effective until the commencement of the subsequent term for that office.**

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3                                   ARTICLE IV. EXECUTIVE BRANCH

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5           §4. Compensation

6                   Section 4. Except as otherwise provided by this constitution, the  
7                   compensation of each statewide elected official shall be provided by law. **However,**  
8                   **any increase in salary of any such officer shall not become effective until the**  
9                   **commencement of the subsequent term for that office.**

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11          §21. Public Service Commission

12                   Section 21.                   \*           \*           \*

13                   **(F) Any increase in salary provided by law for any member of the**  
14                   **commission shall not become effective until the commencement of the**  
15                   **subsequent term of office for each commissioner following the enactment of**  
16                   **such increase.**

17                   Section 2. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be submitted  
18                   to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the statewide election to be held on November 2,  
19                   2010.

20                   Section 3. Be it further resolved that on the official ballot to be used at said election  
21                   there shall be printed a proposition, upon which the electors of the state shall be permitted  
22                   to vote FOR or AGAINST, to amend the Constitution of Louisiana, which proposition shall  
23                   read as follows:

24                   To provide that any salary increase enacted by law for certain state elected  
25                   officials, including statewide elected officials, members of the Public Service  
26                   Commission, and members of the legislature, not be implemented until a  
27                   subsequent term of office. (Amends Const. Art. IV, §4 and adds Const. Art.  
28                   III, §4(G) and Art. IV, §21(F))

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The original instrument was prepared by Jerry J. Guillot. The following digest, which does not constitute a part of the legislative instrument, was prepared by Alden A. Clement, Jr.

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#### DIGEST

McPherson (SB 67)

Present law, by statute, provides the following salaries for the following elected offices:

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| (1) | Member of the legislature, except Senate president and president pro tempore and House speaker and speaker pro tempore | \$ 16,800 |
| (2) | House speaker pro tempore and Senate president pro tempore   | \$ 24,500 |
| (3) | House speaker and Senate president   | \$ 32,000 |
| (4) | Members of the Public Service Commission   | \$ 45,000 |
| (5) | Statewide elected officials other than governor  | \$115,000 |
| (6) | Governor   | \$130,000 |

Proposed constitutional amendment provides that any salary increase enacted by law for statewide elected officials, members of the legislature, and members of the Public Service Commission will not be implemented until a subsequent term of office.

Proposed constitutional amendment provides that any increase in salary provided by law for any member of the Public Service Commission will not become effective until the commencement of the subsequent term of office for each commissioner, rather than not becoming effective until January 1<sup>st</sup> of the sixth year following enactment of such increase. Specifies submission of the amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held on November 2, 2010.

(Amends Const. Art. IV, §4; and adds Const. Art. III, §4(G), and Art. IV, §21(F))

#### Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

##### Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs to the original bill.

1. Provides that any increase in salary provided by law for any member of the Public Service Commission will not become effective until the commencement of the subsequent term of office for each commissioner, rather than not becoming effective until January 1<sup>st</sup> of the sixth year following enactment of such increase.